

REMARKS

Claims 21–40 are pending in the application. The status of these claims is as follows:

Claims / Section	35 U.S.C. Sec.	References / Notes
38, 39	Allowable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowable, but objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.
21, 23, 26–28, 31, 33, 36–37, & 40	§102(e) Anticipation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stelzl (U.S. Patent No. 6,838,739).
21–24, 26–28, 31, 36–37, & 40	§102(e) Anticipation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,492,194).
32–35	§103(a) Obviousness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,492,194); and • Alcoe, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,740,959).
25	§103(a) Obviousness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,492,194); and • Matsuzawa, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,472,724).
29-30	§103(a) Obviousness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,492,194); and • Takeuchi, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,711,795).

5 Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the above-identified application. In response, Applicants have amended independent claim 21, from which all remaining claims depend, to include the limitations of claim 38 and all intervening claims, with one exception. The step of applying the second metal layer comprises applying a metal selected from an

10 enumerated list of metals instead of just tin, as claimed in original claim 38. However, Applicants note that this was not the feature that the Examiner relied

